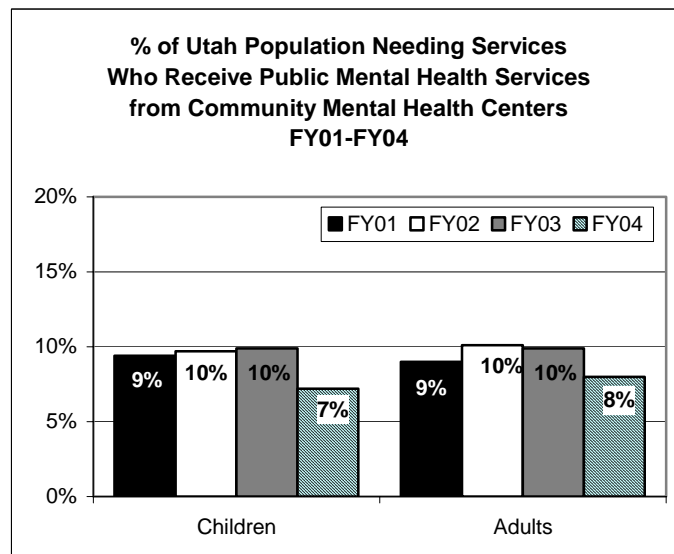
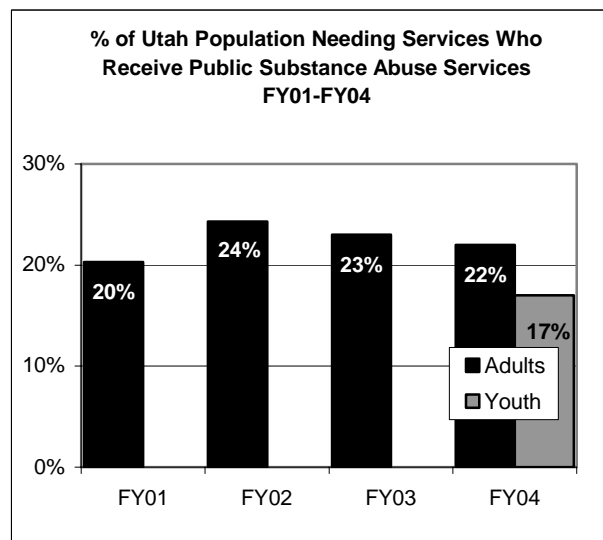


UTAH POPULATION NEEDING SERVICES SERVED BY THE MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SYSTEMS

Source: Divisions of Substance Abuse and Mental Health



Definition: The percent of those needing treatment in the State was determined from recent prevalence estimates and needs assessment surveys. These percentages were applied to state census data. Separate data for youth receiving substance abuse services was made available for the first time in FY04.

Analysis: Using estimates from national studies, about one in five children and adults in the community have diagnosable mental disorders during a given year. Less than a tenth of these populations received public mental health services in Utah in FY04. The mental health system primarily focuses on a subset of this population defined as mentally ill.

Approximately 77,000 adults in Utah are either dependent on or abusing drugs and/or alcohol and are in need of the help that our local services provide (Based on the 2000 Needs Assessment Survey). Of those, the public treatment provider network in Utah was able to serve approximately 17,000 (22%). Approximately 18,000 youth are in need of treatment in Utah (Based on the 2003 Utah Prevention Needs Assessment Survey). Of those, about 3,050 (17%) received public treatment services.

Future Actions: In cooperation with Local Substance Abuse Authorities and Community Mental Health Centers, the Division will develop policies and procedures to deliver quality services to as many people as possible using limited resources.